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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

In response to the restriction requirement dated March 24, 2004, Applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecute in this application the subject matter of Group I, claims 5, 6 and 19, and the species of liver cirrhosis and ursodesoxycholic acid.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time,

Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is
authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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REMARKS

Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected subject matter in a divisional application, if necessary.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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